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1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY U.S. CUSTOMS REP. JAMES WELSH, SEPTEMBER 6 THAT A DRUG OPERATION INVOLVING A HELICOPTER AND AT LEAST FOUR VESSELS COULD POSSIBLY BE TIED INTO THE INTERDICTION OPERATION AT ANGUILLA CAY.

2. BAHAMIAN POLICE PROVIDED WELSH WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A) AT 6:34 P.M. FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2, A HELICOPTER #N9116E ARRIVED IN NASSAU AND WAS PUT ABOARD VESSEL NTH WHICH LEFT NASSAU. WHILE AT SEA THE HELICOPTER FLEW TO A NUMBER OF OTHER VESSELS (WATSON, CRESCENT AND RETURNED TO THE WATSON IN THAT ORDER), ALL HAD HELO PAD LANDING FACILITIES. THE HELICOPTER FLEW INTO ANGUILLA CAY SPENDING ONE TO TWO HOURS AND THEN LANDED ON ANOTHER VESSEL HIVO BOUND FOR MIAMI. EXACT DATES OF FLIGHTS ARE PRESENTLY UNKNOWN.

B) THE PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT IS BELIEVED TO BE A CUBAN/AMERICAN MALE, RAUL DOMINGUEZ.
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3. IN VIEW OF THE HELICOPTER'S MYSTERIOUS MOVEMENT FROM ONE VESSEL TO ANOTHER AND ESPECIALLY ITS LANDING AT ANGUILLA CAY, SITUATION GIVES CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT FUEL CACHE MAY BE OF PRIME INTEREST. MR. WELSH MENTIONED POSSIBILITY THAT THE CACHE COULD BE TAMPERED WITH OR DESTROYED TO ELIMINATE EVIDENCE WHICH COULD BE USED BY

ASST. U.S. ATTORNEY IN MIAMI. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY
COULD BE TO CONFIRM THAT FUEL CACHE IS STILL ON LOCATION
AND AVAILABLE TO BE USED TO FULFILL INITIAL MISSION.

4. NLO AND I INFORMED PERMSEC MINEXTAFF RUSSELL LATE
AFTERNOON SEPT. 6 OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND REITERATED
THE IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING APPROVAL TO REMOVE ONE CONTAINER
OF PETROL AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. HE STATED THAT HE DID
NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH MINEXTAFF
ADDERLEY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO WASHINGTON BUT THAT IF
NEED BE HE WOULD AUTHORIZE REMOVAL OF THE CACHE. I ADDED
THAT MORE INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY
MORNING AND WOULD REQUEST A MEETING AT THAT TIME. MR.
RUSSELL APPEARED TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY INTERESTED AND
WILLING TO COOPERATE.

5. MR. WELSH RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY WEDNESDAY MORNING
WITH THE INFORMATION THAT DURING A DRUG INVESTIGATION THE
VESSEL PRESIDENT WHICH WAS AGROUND AT WALKER'S CAY,
ABACO AND FOUND TO CONTAIN A LARGE HAUL OF MARIJUANA, THEY
ALSO DISCOVERED A DUFFLE BAG CONTAINING A HELICOPTER LOG
AND THE PASSPORT OF RAUL DOMINGUEZ. THE LOG INDICATED
HELO MOVEMENTS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS VESSELS AND A VISIT
TO ANGUILLA CAY. THE LOG IS PRESENTLY IN THE HANDS OF
DEA OFFICIALS IN MIAMI.

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6. NLO AND I MEET WITH RUSSELL AT 10:00 THIS MORNING,
SEPT. 7, AND INFORMED HIM OF THE DEVELOPMENTS. HE STATED
THAT SITUATION SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED AND U.S. CUSTOMS
SHOULD PROCEED TO ANGUILLA CAY TO REMOVE THE PETROL,
EITHER IN ITS ENTIRETY OR A PORTION THEREOF, AND DESTROY
THE REMAINDER. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH A LETTER
TO THE EMBASSY SOMETIME TODAY.

7. WE INFORMED MR. BOWEN, U.S. CUSTOMS MIAMI THAT APPROVAL
HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM GCOB AND ASKED HIM TO KEEP US CLOSELY
INFORMED OF THEIR OPERATIONS.

8. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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